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1. Riots took place in the V.I. Lenin Works (formerly Skoda Works) in Pilsen in the week beginning 11 October 1954.
2. Every employee of a factory has a special identity card which he has to produce when entering the working premises, but in the Lenin Works this practice had previously been limited to a few occasional checks. The gatekeeper admitted into the building every employee he knew and demanded to see the identity cards only of those persons who were unknown to him. On Monday, 4 October 1954, this practice found an abrupt end; every employee entering the premises had to produce his identity card. No difference was made between the old employees who had been working for the firm for over 20 years, and newcomers employed for only a few months. The works militia supervised the check. Workers who had forgotten their identity cards were not admitted and had to return home to fetch their papers; the working time lost in this way was deducted from their wages.
3. The riots were caused by the circumstance that workers who had arrived in time in front of the factory were held up by the check of the identity cards and arrived in their respective workshops 10 to 20 minutes late; this time was also deducted from their wages. During the first week about 200 workers received a warning for appearing late at work and their wages were cut by one or two working hours. It was necessary to call for police assistance to stop the ensuing riots. Two workers were arrested.

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